

LOCAL NEWS.

RIVER NEWS.—Though the ice in the channel off this city is afloat, the gorges of it at (Giesboro) and at Fort Washington are so heavy that navigation is entirely suspended. There has been, too, a considerable fall in the temperature since Saturday morning, and a thick skin of ice has again formed, and upon the coves, flats and Hunting Creek, and unless there be an early rise the Potomac will certainly be frozen over once more from shore to shore, for the water is thoroughly chilled. The tug boat Katie Wise started up this morning to the assistance of the steamer E. C. Knight, and reports a jam of ice extending from the half-way tree to the Arsenal wharf, and that the Georgetown channel was so obstructed that it was impossible to force a way through it. From the Long Bridge to Georgetown the surface of the water, and though the water now finds an easy exit between the piers of that bridge, the ice has yet been stationary. The steamer E. C. Knight has been caught in the gorge above the Long Bridge and is completely at its mercy, and should it commence to move suddenly, she may be injured by being forced against that bridge. Part of her cargo was removed by rafts on Saturday last. The tugs Katie Wise, Potomac, Gov. Curtin and Mary Lewis went down as far as Quantico on Saturday and arrived at that night with the schooner Lewis Crockett, B. C. Terry, Caroline Knezel, J. L. Leach, Vicksburg, G. H. Bent and Nelly Car, in tow. These schooners, which are all from Northern ports and bound to Washington, have been detained in the river since the commencement of the late freeze. The same tugs started down again yesterday morning but were unable to force their way through the gorge at Fort Washington and had to return. They report a number of vessels and oyster boats in Quantico bay waiting for the ice to allow them to reach this city. Among them are the Philadelphia steamer, a Norfolk steamer loaded with lumber, the brig Allen Abbe and the schooner Mary E. Crammer and Wagona, from Northern ports. The steamer City of Washington, of the Washington ferry line, which reached here from Washington on Saturday morning, succeeded in going back to that city on the evening of that day, and the steamer City of Alexandria attempted but failed. A row boat made a trip or two this morning on the Maryland ferry line.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES YESTERDAY.—The weather yesterday was cold, but clear and bright, and large congregations were present in most of the churches. At the M. P. Church, in the morning, Rev. Mr. Sweet, who was announced to preach, failed to make his appearance, and after a hymn, given out by Rev. Mr. Herbert, the congregation was dismissed. There was no service there nor at the 2d Presbyterian Church at night. Rev. Mr. Mills preached in the M. E. Church at night. The pulpits of the other churches were filled during the day by the resident clergy. The following is a report of the day's work by the Young Men's Christian Association:

The Mission Sabbath School at Fishtown opened with a good attendance of scholars and a full number of teachers, the department and interest manifested by the former giving great encouragement to the instructors. The services were again well attended, with a full committee at work; the exercises were of the usual stirring interest—another work of the Lord evidently prospering in the hands of the brethren. The Virginia House prayer meeting was largely attended; a very full corps of workers were present, and the services were interesting; this activity will doubtless, from present indications, prove a fruitful source for encouragement to the Association. The Sunday afternoon prayer meeting in the M. E. Church South had a larger gathering than usual; especially noteworthy was the fuller attendance than heretofore of the youth of both sexes. Again the most fervent appeals were made to them to give their young hearts to Jesus. It was especially delightful to hear them joining with spirit in the songs of Zion. The services were truly inspiring and refreshing, and the reporter felt that "it was good to be there." This meeting will be held next Sunday in the Meth. Prot. Church.

SMALLPOX.—Five new cases of smallpox were reported this morning, and it is useless any longer to conceal the fact that the disease is gradually spreading. It has so far, with the exception of three cases, two of which have recovered, confined itself to colored people, the attendants upon whom room about at large, and the wonder among those who know anything about the nature of the malady, is that its extension has not been more general and more rapid. But two cases of all affected have been carried to the hospital, and of these one was an insane man and the other a child; for though that place has been fitted up with all the conveniences for successfully treating the disease and is supplied with two nurses, there seems to be an objection on the part of the sick to going there, and in this objection they are sustained by their friends; and a gentleman who lives on the route to the hospital informed the Superintendent of Police this morning that no more cases must be carried by his house. Among the new cases is a man in the locality known as Hayti and two children in a house in Zion town. The smallpox wagon called for the one in Hayti this morning to take him to the hospital, but his friends and a crowd of bystanders positively refused to allow him to be carried there. The two cases in the hospital were taken there last Saturday night. Superintendent of Police Clifford, with some of the chain gang, went after them. The Superintendent, with a loaf of bread in his hand, attempted to take the insane man out of his house, but being unsuccessful, one of the gang named Simms, entered the house and brought him out. Simms also brought the child out of the house in which it was lying, and for his boldness was rewarded by a release, for the Superintendent of the Work House, to imprisonment in which place he had been condemned, finding out in what sort of occupation he had been engaged, drove him away from there, and as he could not be admitted into the jail or station house he was turned loose.

A WAR CLAIM DISALLOWED.—In the House of Delegates on Saturday the Committee on Courts of Justice, on a claim referred to it from the Committee on Claims, reported substantially as follows:

"In the year 1861 Mr. Archibald Fleming, of Alexandria, had certain goods on board the steamer George Page, which were seized by Col. C. E. Stuart, under an order from Governor Letcher, on the 26th of April, 1861. The State Convention on the 17th of April had passed what is known as the secession ordinance and on the 25th of April ratified the alliance formed with the 'Confederate States.' This was an act of war on the part of the Government of the United States, and your committee are of opinion that the claimant has no legal demand upon the State for the value of property so taken. The Legislature is prohibited by section 10 of article 10 of the Constitution from making any appropriation for the 'payment of any debt or obligation created in the name of the State of Virginia by the usurped and pretended authorities at Richmond during the late war.'"

On motion of Mr. Neale, of Alexandria, the report was passed by.

The Miniature Minstrels, a troupe of white children highly spoken of in the cities in which they have appeared, will give performances in this city on the evenings of Friday and Saturday next.

DEATH OF AN EX-SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.—As will be seen under the obituary head in to-day's Gazette, Mr. Joseph Colton died on Saturday last. He was buried this afternoon. The deceased came to this city from Baltimore about the year 1844, and has resided here ever since. He was, during his whole life, an active ward politician, and filled several offices while the city was in the possession of the Federal troops during the war, and immediately after that event, having been door keeper of the Alexandria Legislature, Superintendent of Police and Justice of the Peace. He was taken sick about two weeks ago with the dropsy, but up to Saturday morning last, was supposed to be improving. On the evening of that day, however, he suddenly became worse and died in a short time, it is supposed, from strangulation.

BURGULARIOUS.—Two attempts were made on Saturday night last to break into the stable of Superintendent of Police, Clifford, in which were three valuable horses. Neither of them succeeded, though the would-be thieves in their last efforts prised off the staple. The noise they made awakened some of Mr. Clifford's family and they were driven off.

The store of Mr. E. L. Tolson, at the Maryland ferry slip, was robbed on Saturday night last of about five dollars in pennies and small currency. It is not known whether the thief broke open the store or was locked in when it was closed that night.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to break open the store of Mr. George Swain, corner of Wolfe and Water streets, last Thursday night.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.—The announcement of the twentieth anniversary meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association to be held in the M. E. Church to-morrow night, was read in all the Protestant churches yesterday. There will be a rehearsal of the singers who are to take part in the meeting in the choir gallery of the M. E. Church South, this evening at half-past seven o'clock, to attend which all vocalists are invited.

SUNDAY LAW.—The Alexandria correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:—"It is expected that there will be a warm contest at the next meeting of the common council over the new Sunday law, which passed the board of aldermen at its last meeting. The former Sunday law was declared by the courts to be in excess of the powers of the city government, but the proposed law, it is believed, is not obnoxious to that objection."

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The Board of Supervisors for the County met at ten o'clock, and after revising the work of the last meeting, (the retiring clerk having failed to make any record of the proceedings) allowed several claims, and were still in session at the close of this report. The levy for the year will not be made at this session.

PROPERTY TRANSFER.—Mr. John Harlow has decided to M. H. Janney, esq., the vacant lot on the southeast corner of King and Patrick streets, fronting twenty-two feet on King and extending northwardly sixty feet with Patrick, in consideration of the abatement by the latter of \$350 accrued ground rent due on the same.

DEPUTY CLERK.—The Warrenton Index says:—"We understand that the position of Deputy Clerk of Alexandria county court has been tendered to Wm. Wall, of Panquaker county, whose long experience ought fit him thoroughly for the office."

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge E. M. Loece presiding.—John Jones, a witness for the Commonwealth in the case vs. F. Mason, attending from Philadelphia, Pa., was allowed fourteen dollars for travelling expenses and attendance. Court adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A cake of ice was drawn out of the river this morning that was thirteen inches thick.

The Town Clock was illuminated for the first time last Saturday night.

The wife of policeman Christopher Lyles presented him on Saturday night last with a pair of healthy twins.

Two oyster boats succeeded in reaching here during the late thaw. Their cargoes are selling at from 75 cents to \$2 per bushel.

Many of the lawyers of the city left here this morning for Fairfax Court House to attend the County Court which commenced there to-day.

A mad dog belonging to Mr. Edward Quinn, was shot and killed near that gentleman's store this morning by Mr. Bernard Glime.

Mr. R. Stuart Ashby, son of Auditor Ashby, who lately left this city, has been appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal of the Austin District in Texas.

The claims of the C. & O. Canal for an appropriation to extend that work to the Ohio river were to have been heard by a congressional committee to-day.

The cries of murder heard on Saturday night last, near the Fairfax street depot, proceeded from a house in which a disturbance among some colored women and men was in progress. The two women, in fault, were arrested and find by the Mayor.

We are indebted to Mr. S. C. Neale, delegate in the Legislature from this city, for copies of State documents.

From Mr. Geo. E. French's book and periodical store, we received, to-day, Godey's Lady's Book for February, and "The Loves of Jonathan and Virginia, by Boswell."

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, January 20, 1873.

FLOUR, Superfine.....	\$7 25	7 50
Extra.....	8 75	9 25
Family choice.....	10 50	10 00
WHEAT, Common to fair.....	1 70	1 85
Fair to good.....	1 85	1 95
Good to prime.....	1 95	2 05
Prime to choice red.....	2 05	2 10
Prime to choice white.....	2 05	2 10
CORN, white.....	0 00	0 04
Mixed.....	0 03	0 04
Yellow.....	0 02	0 04
RYE.....	1 00	1 05
OATS.....	0 50	0 55
BUTTER, prime.....	0 25	0 28
Common to middling.....	0 16	0 20
EGGS.....	0 32	0 33
TURKEYS.....	0 13	0 14
CHICKENS, dressed.....	2 50	3 50
IRISH POTATOES.....	1 00	1 15
ONIONS.....	0 10	0 15
CLOVES.....	6 50	6 75
BACON, Hams, country.....	0 10	0 12
Western.....	0 15	0 16
Sides.....	0 9	0 10
Shoulders.....	0 8	0 9
LARD.....	0 50	0 55
DRESSED HOGS.....	4 50	5 50
APPLES, per bbl.....	2 50	3 50
PLASTER, ground, per ton.....	7 50	0 00
Ground, in bags or bbls.....	9 50	0 00
Ground, in bags, returned.....	8 50	0 00
Lump.....	6 25	6 50
SALT, G. A. (Liverpool).....	2 85	3 00
Fine.....	0 30	0 35
Wool, common unwashed.....	0 50	0 55
Washed.....	0 50	0 55
Merino, unwashed.....	0 33	0 35
Merino, washed.....	0 60	0 65
HAY, per ton from the cars.....	30 00	35 00

REMARKS.—The market for Wheat is quiet and steady; offerings of 42 bushels white and 1138 of red, with sales of the former at 185 for meadow, and of the latter at 195 and 195 for meadow, and of the red at 195 and 205 for very good to prime. Corn is declining, and prices may be quoted 12c off; offerings 1428 bushels mixed and 20 of yellow, with sales of the former at 63 and 64, and of the latter at 64. Rye is unchanged; sales at 103, with offerings of 66 bushels. Other articles unchanged.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, January 20, 1873.

SENATE.

The Senate passed the bill, as amended, fixing the beginning of the term of the Supreme Court of the U. S. on the second Monday of October.

The Senate then took up the bill for constructing ten steam war vessels, which was discussed at length by Mr. Hamilton, of Texas, and others.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The morning was occupied in the call on States for bills and joint resolutions. The following were offered from Virginia:

Joint resolution from the General Assembly of Virginia asking the aid of Congress in the completion of the James River and Rapahanna Canal. Referred to Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend the act in relation to fees of the officers of U. S. courts. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to allow manufacturers of tobacco and snuff to import licorice for coloring, &c., free of duty. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A bill for the relief of Edward Sangster, of Alexandria, Va. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

A bill for the relief of Porter & Recker, of Alexandria, Va. Like reference.

A bill to amend the bankrupt act. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to prohibit State officers from holding U. S. offices. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The morning hour being over, the House proceeded to the consideration of bills on the calendar.

Smallpox.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The smallpox epidemic is creating grave apprehensions in Boston and vicinity. Three thousand cases are now reported to exist in that city, and the percentage of deaths is much larger than by all other causes combined. Nearly all the burials are in the night. The epidemic has had a serious effect upon commercial interests generally.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—The Board of Health urges the necessity of vaccination and requests prompt information of new cases and the co-operation of the citizens generally in carrying out proper sanitary measures for the extinction of the smallpox.

The Stokes Case.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The counsel for Stokes in pressing for a new trial will rely much upon the fact that two of the jurors went outside of the court for evidence, one having examined the ladies' staircase at the Grand Central Hotel and the other having examined pistols at a gunsmith's to see whether a four could be distinguished from a six barreled pistol. An affidavit is also to be embodied in the bill of exceptions that before the trial one of the jurors said Stokes ought to be hung anyhow, and another that if he were on the jury he would hang him (Stokes) anyhow.

New York Jury Law.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The leading criminal lawyers have joined in a movement to break down if possible the new jury law, providing for intelligent jurors. One of them remarked last week that it would ruin the criminal practice if allowed to stand. The only remaining hope the ring thieves have of escaping conviction is in the breaking down of the new law. Before signing it Governor Hoffman submitted the measure to members of the Court of Appeals, who suggested an amendment, which was incorporated in the act.

Ice Gorge.

HAVRE DE GRACE, Jan. 20.—The ice is gone from below the railroad bridge and for about a mile above the bridge on the west side of the island. On the eastern side the ice extends nearly down to the bridge. The ice is gorged between the island and the lower end of Port Deposit, and the backwater floods Port Deposit. There is five feet of water between the depot and the street. Many families have been taken from submerged dwellings from windows. The quantity of ice in the river is immense.

From Havana.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—An Havana letter states that a cargo of seven hundred coolies arrived there on the 10th instant. They command six hundred dollars per head. It is reported in Havana that a large expedition of friends of the Cuban revolutionists, with arms and ammunition, had landed safely near Guantanamo.

The Late Ex-Empress.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—There was a large number of visitors at Chiswick yesterday. The funeral sermon of the late ex-Empress Napoleon was preached in the Chapel, which was filled to repletion. Queen Victoria and the Princess Beatrice sent flowers to be placed on the tomb.

Colliery on Fire.

ASHLAND, Pa., Jan. 20.—Repplier's colliery is still burning in the air-hole and extends to the upper parts of the vein in the vicinity of the slope. Ineffective efforts were made to smother the fire. It is said that it will require weeks for the water to get high enough to extinguish the fire.

Loss of the Yacht Henrietta.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The schooner Henrietta, formerly Bennett's yacht, was lost on the 18th instant. She was driven ashore near Honduras and totally wrecked. The crew were saved.

Postoffices.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—New postoffices have been established at Greenwich, Prince William county, Va., and at Cox's station on the B. & P. R. R., in Charles county, Md.

Rate of Postage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—There is now a good prospect that the rate of postage on letters will be reduced by the present Congress to two cents.

Liquor Dealers Arrested.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Eight liquor dealers were arrested in Brooklyn yesterday for selling liquor on the Sabbath day.

The Prince Imperial.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Prince Imperial will soon return to Woolwich to resume his studies at the Royal Military Academy.

Death of Baptist Noel.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Hon. and Rev. Baptist Wrothlesley Noel, a well known English theologian, is dead.

Train.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—George Francis Train is still in the Tombs, refusing to give bail.

Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 11 a. m.

Probabilities.—For New England and Middle States, falling barometer, rising temperature, fresh and brisk southerly to westerly winds, cloudy weather, light snow, the latter possibly turning into rain over Southern portion of latter States to-night. For South Atlantic States, southerly to westerly winds, rising temperature and cloudy weather, with

probably light rain to-night. For Gulf States falling barometer, rising temperature, cloudy weather and very probably rain areas. From Tennessee and Missouri to Lake Erie and the Upper Lakes fresh and brisk winds mostly from the West and South, rising temperature and cloudy weather with probably light rain from eastern Iowa to southern Michigan and Ohio and southward, to Tennessee, but with snow north of this region.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Stocks dull. Gold firm at 123. Money firm at 7. Virginia 6s 45; new 50. Flour firm. Wheat quiet and firm. Corn quiet.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 20.—Virginia 6s, consolidated, 52; West Virginia 15. Cotton dull; low middlings 19 1/4. Flour firm and in good demand; prices unchanged. Wheat quiet, but firm; light supply; white choice and amber 215 a 225; prime to fair white 185 a 210; good to prime red 195 a 210; common to fair do. 170 a 190; red Western 20 a 25. Corn fairly active for Southern; white Southern 68 a 70; yellow Southern 66 a 68; mixed Western dull at 62. Oats dull; Southern 46 a 50; Western mixed 45 a 47; do. white 48 a 50. Rye steady at 90 a 100. Hay firm and in good demand; Western 30 a 35—the latter for prime.

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA., Dec. 22, 1868.

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GENTLEMEN—Simmons' Liver Regulator has been used in my family many years with great success. I regard it an invaluable family medicine, and take pleasure in recommending it to the public.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

To Skeptics.

The almost daily receipt of voluntary testimonials from every part of the country, from Physicians, Clergymen, old and young, male and female, is sufficient to convince the most skeptical that Dr. T. C. B. is the most valuable of all Balm of the age; many wonderful cures have been performed by it, as may be seen by hundreds of certificates in the hands of the proprietor. Try it, and you will doubt no longer.

Bainbridge, Ga., Sept. 24, 1869.

Mr. L. H. M. McTear, Dear Friend—Enclosed please find P. O. order for five dollars, and I shall have to apologize to you for not writing to you before. I have been quite sick, and very busy when well, therefore neglected it. You will please send me Express two more bottles of T. C. B. Balm. It is certainly a splendid thing for a cough; it has cured me effectively of my cough, and also several others to whom I gave it.

With a thousand thanks for the medicine you sent me, I remain your sincere friend,

R. C. SCOTT.

Dr. Tutt's Hair Dye is easily applied.

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AMUSEMENTS.

SAREPTA HALL.

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ATTENTION, BOOK AND LADDER.—There will be a called meeting of the Company next Monday evening, the 19th instant, at 8 o'clock.

By order of the President:

Jan 18-21 A. A. WARFIELD, Secretary.

SEED OATS—2000 bushels Ohio, 2000 Virginia and 500 Surprise, in store and for sale at 201 King street.

Jan 20-3m AUGUSTUS WALL.

BIRD SEED—Hemp and Canary—12c per lb. at 201 King street.

Jan 20-1m A. WALL.

CHICKEN FEED—Wheat Sweepings for sale cheap at 201 King street.

Jan 20-2m A. WALL.

THE SINGER FAMILY SEWING MACHINE—Which is the best Sewing Machine is a point on which every company differs, each of course, thinking its own the best; but if the point were to be decided by popularity, the Singer would far outstrip all other makes. The Singer of this machine have been enormous, amounting to more than 180,000 in the year 1871, leaving all rivals far behind. The sales in this city amounted to two hundred and forty during the past year, which is without precedent. It is capable of performing more work and in a comparatively the best manner in existing competition, and has been making a selection. Sold on the lease plan. Machines sent to all parts of the country.

C. C. BERRY, Agent, 72 King street, Alexandria, Va. Agent for Alexandria, Fairfax and Prince William Counties. Jan 16

SINGING SCHOOL.

There will be a meeting at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association on WEDNESDAY EVENING next, commencing at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a CLASS for a thorough course of instruction in the rudiments of MUSIC and the ART OF SINGING, to be taught by W. H. EVANS. Instruction will be given in vocal training, and in the principles of musical notation generally. In giving this notice special invitation is extended to ministers, members of churches and all interested in the advancement of Sacred Music.

Jan 18-19

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PROPOSALS DESIRED.

Bids will be received from this date until the 1st of March for the building of the ALEXANDRIA MARINE HOSPITAL. Those desiring information by application to Mr. Mankin, at Rishell & Hoag's factory, corner of Queen and Fairfax streets.

Jan 17-17 J. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.

THE OLD BAY STATE SMOKING TOBACCO for sale by the CHINESE TEA COMPANY, No. 11 North Royal